Many minor irrigation works remained to be attended to in the taluk. The member had not a list of the works ready, but would furnish the same, when the Government took up the work.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Raman Pillai, works which seem important to you in Quilon do not appear so important to people in other taluks. Works must be important to the State as a whole if the Government are to take them up urgently. Therefore, the two roads which you have mentioned *viz.*, those to Mukhattala and Pooyapalli must wait until their turn in the programme comes and until finances improve.

Government have sanctioned 2 miles and 3 furlongs of the Anchalummood-Peruman road being taken over under departmental maintenance from 1106. The lands covered by the Anchalummood-Prakulam road have been taken possession of by the Public Works Department after acquisition on payment of nominal compensation, and an estimate for widening the narrow portions and gravelling the sandy portions is under preparation. The Eravipuram-Mayyanad road will be taken up in the order of priority fixed by the Road Board.

For the irrigation works connected with the Kuntuman *chira*, an estimate has been sanctioned; funds will be provided even this year. It is hoped that the work will be taken up and completed soon.

Regarding the establishment of a grant-in-aid *vaidyasala* at East Kallada, if a competent *vaidyan* will come forward, the Inspector is prepared to recommend State recognition. The question of a grant-in-aid must wait until financial conditions improve. So too must the establishment of a dispensary at Anchalummood.

Some of the minor irrigation works in the taluk have been completed; and other works will be taken up as funds permit.

90. Needs of the Quilon taluk.

MR. E. MAHOMED KUNJU (*Trading Classes, Quilon*) said that the Kallukadavu road, two furlongs in length, on the western side of the Commercial canal was in a very bad condition. An attempt was made both by the Government and the Municipality to improve the condition of the road about four years back, but without any good result. Early steps should be taken for the improvement of the road. One or two wells should also be sunk for the benefit of the poor people on the sides of this road. This would not cost more than three hundred rupees.

Similarly, the road on the northern side of the Quilon Bank buildings leading to the Commercial canal, one furlong in length, was also in a bad condition. This road should also be improved at an early date.

Another important question which should engage the attention of the Government was the improvement of the Commercial canal from the Kochupilamood bridge to Tuet Depot. The banks of the canal on both sides had given way and the maintenance of the canal was not properly attended to. Steps should be taken for the early improvement of the canal and the strengthening of the banks.

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The member next protested against the proposal of the Government to open a new road near the Arikada mosque at a very heavy cost, for the benefit of an interested person who owned property in the locality. As the construction of the proposed road would materially affect the Arikada mosque, the Muslim community as a whole had protested against the opening of the road. The public of Quilon had also passed resolutions emphasising the undesirability of wasting Government money in opening the road. The new road, which would be only 50 feet in length, would cost the Government an enormous sum for land compensation alone. Further, if the road was sanctioned, it would be necessary to remove a water tank attached to the mosque and thereby wound the religious sentiments of the Muslim community as a whole. In the circumstances, the member requested that the orders sanctioning the opening of the road might be immediately withdrawn and the grievances of the Muslim community in the matter redressed.

The member next urged the necessity for the construction of a bridge at the Kottayattu *kadavu* near the Tevalli Palace. The construction of the bridge would greatly add to the facilities of means of communication and would also give a great impetus to the development of trade. The subject was represented by the member at a previous session of the Assembly as a result of which the Chief Engineer inspected the place and had an estimate prepared for the work. But nothing further was done in the matter. Early steps should be taken for the construction of the bridge in question.

DEWAN'S REPLY: I hope to come to Quilon, Mr. Mahomed Kunju, at the end of this month and I shall look into the conditions of the Arikada mosque road.

The Kallukadavu road and the road north of the Quilon Bank buildings, are roads which should be attended to by the Municipal Council.

An estimate has been prepared for improving the Commercial canal, and the estimate is pending the sanction of Government, for want of contribution from the local Municipal Council.

The construction of a bridge near the Tevalli Palace would prove very costly and will have to wait till finances improve.

MEMBER: It is important for purposes of trade.

DEWAN: But it involves very heavy expenditure.

91. Needs of the Quilon town.

MR. M. K. ABDUR RAHIMAN KUTTI (*Municipal Council, Quilon*) said that though he himself and many other members had repeatedly represented about the urgent needs of the Quilon town for the past 10 years and more, nothing was done to grant the requests of the people. Most of the subjects included in the agenda had already been spoken about by the previous speaker and the member wanted

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